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SUBJ: RHODESIA: SOUTH AFRICAN PROPOSAL FOR TRILATERAL TALKS

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1. EARLY MORNING SABC RADIO NEWS STATES THAT TRILATERAL MEETING ON RHODESIA SUGGESTED BY SAG HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FEBRUARY 21 BECAUSE OF SECRETARY CROSLAND'S ILLNESS. PARTICIPANTS MENTIONED ARE ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFELE, AMBASSADOR BOTHA AND UNNAMED BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE. SOURCE OF REPORT NOT GIVEN.

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- 2. I WONDER WHETHER THIS REFLECTS UNDERSTANDING REACHED WITH BRITISH TO PARTICIPATE AND SAY SO PUBLICLY, OR IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF SAG LEAK.
- 3. SIR DAVID SCOTT TELLS ME YESTERDAY HE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS ALONG LINES OF PARA 3 OF REFTEL AND CONVEYED

POINTS TO BRAND FOURIE LAST NIGHT. FOURIE TOLD HIM THAT ON BASIS OF CONVERSATION WITH BOTHA, HE UNDERSTOOD THAT TRILATERAL TALKS NOT POSSIBLE THIS WEEK BUT MIGHT BE HELD NEXT WEEK. SCOTT MADE CLEAR TO HIM THAT HE HAD NOTHING TO INDICATE HMG WOULD JOIN IN TALKS NEXT WEEK.

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